CLAIMS

- 1. A generally oval battery including a battery case (2) having a generally oval cross section, a generally oval sealing plate (3), and an electrode plate assembly, said sealing plate having a U-shaped cross section, and said battery having a thickness of 4mm or more and an aspect ratio of 3 or more.
- 2. The generally oval battery according to claim 1, wherein said battery case (2) is tubular with open ends.
 - 3. The generally oval battery according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said battery case (2) and said sealing plate (3) are joined together by welding.